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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of
pending prior Application No. 09/242,452 filed on February 17,
1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by
reference, by

Norio ITO; Hiroyuki KATATA; Tomoko AONO; and Hiroshi KUSAO

for

MOVING IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS AND MOVING IMAGE DECODING
APPARATUS

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if
applicable).

2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

| | | | LARGE ENTITY | SMALL ENTITY |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| BASIC FEE | | | \$770.00 | \$385.00 |
| | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE FEE | RATE FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 1-20 = | 0 | x 18 = \$0.00 | x 9 = \$0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 1-3 = | 0 | x 86 = \$0.00 | x 43 = \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED | | | + \$290.00 | + \$145.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$770.00 | \$0.00 |

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. ☒ Enclosed is/are fourteen (14) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/242,452 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha, 22-22, Nagaike-cho, Abeno-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, Japan.
8. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). _____ filed in _____ on _____ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on _____.
- 9b. ☒ Priority of International Appln. PCT/JP97/01659 filed on May 16, 1997 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and

_____ Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____
under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby
reclaimed.

10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449
form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's
consideration.
11. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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12. ☐ An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____
has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/242,452
in order to establish co-pendency with the present
application.
13. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this,
concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any
overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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